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## Nicholas Stonor QC

Call: 1993 · Silk 2015 (Door Tenant)

### Children Law

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#### Education:

1992 - University College London, LLB (Hons)

1993 - Inns of Court School of Law

#### Appointments:

2016 - Family Court Recorder

2015 - Queen's Counsel

2014 - Bar Standards Board Professional Conduct Committee

#### Memberships:

Family Law Bar Association  
Northumbria Family Justice Council (Bar representative)  
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Nicholas has a particular interest in cases involving high net worth and/or hidden assets.

## Safeguarding and Policy

Nicholas is regularly instructed by local authorities and other public authorities to advise on safeguarding and policy issues in connection with the discharge of responsibilities towards children and vulnerable adults. Recent instructions have involved serious case reviews, safeguarding adult reviews and financial support for family carers.

## Notable Cases

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- *Re G-P (A Child) [2019] EWCA Civ 56 (Peter Jackson LJ, Leggatt LJ, Moor J)*
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Representing the mother resisting an appeal where the trial judge (at the conclusion of a 4 week fact-finding involving allegations of inflicted injury, sexual abuse, FII and neglect) had found that the intervener was responsible for inflicting serious head, hymenal and other injuries on the subject child.

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Representing the local authority in care proceedings concerning a child who had been brought into the UK illegally; subsequent issue as to the disclosure of case materials to the police, immigration authorities and Kenyan authorities.

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Representing a woman seeking the exclusion of her former partner from her home.

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## Court of Protection & Adult Care

Nicholas represents vulnerable adults (by litigation friends including the Official Solicitor), local authorities and family members. He has a particular interest in cases where the Court of Protection jurisdiction overlaps with the care or forced marriage jurisdictions. In September 2015, Nicholas chaired the Court of Protection Practitioners Association (CoPPA) annual national conference in Leeds.

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